

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A magnetic door stop, comprising:
a first magnet, wherein said first magnet is mounted on a door;
a second magnet, wherein said second magnet is mounted on a structure opposing the door; and

~~a switching-selecting~~ means to allow a user to selectively orient one of said first magnet or said second magnet between a first position of repulsion between said first magnet and said second magnet and a second position of attraction between said first magnet and said second magnet, wherein said ~~switching-selecting~~ means is a magnet holder [comprising a bottom and two opposing sidewalls extending from the bottom]which receives and permits rotatable movement of either of said first magnet or said second magnet with respect to and within the magnet holder.

2. (currently amended) The magnetic door stop of claim 1, wherein said magnet holder comprises a bottom and two sidewalls, said magnet holder is mounted on the door, and said first magnet [may be manually placed]is received between the two opposing sidewalls.

3. (currently amended) The magnetic door stop of claim 1, wherein said magnet holder comprises a plate and two opposing sidewalls, said magnet holder is

mounted on the structure opposing the door, and said second magnet [may be manually placed] is mounted on a rod extending between the two opposing sidewalls.

4. (withdrawn) A magnetic door stop, comprising:

a door at least partially formed from magnetic material; and

a permanent magnet, wherein said magnet is rotatably mounted on a structure opposing the door to allow a user to selectively orient said magnet between a first position to repel the door and a second position to attract the door.

5. (currently amended) A magnetic door latch for use with a door and

doorframe combination, where the door has an edge surface disposed in facing relationship with a surface of the doorframe when the door is closed within and encompassed by the doorframe, comprising:

a first magnet, wherein said first magnet is mounted [on a] in the edge surface of the door;

a second magnet, wherein said second magnet is a permanent magnet [and is mounted on a doorframe] mounted in the surface of the doorframe disposed in facing relationship with the edge surface of the door when the door is closed within and encompassed by the doorframe; and

~~switching~~ selecting means for selectively orienting said first magnet between a first position of repulsion between said first magnet and said second magnet and a second position of attraction between said first magnet and said second magnet,

wherein in the first position of repulsion the first magnet and the second magnet decelerate the door as the door is moved towards and closed within the doorframe.

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) The magnetic door latch of claim 5, wherein in the second position of attraction said first magnet and said second magnet hold the door closed within the doorframe.

8. (original) The magnetic door latch of claim 5, wherein said first magnet is a permanent magnet.

9. (cancelled)

10. (withdrawn) The magnetic door latch of claim 5, wherein said first magnet is an electromagnet.

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) A magnetic door latch for use with a door and doorframe combination, where the door has an edge surface disposed in facing relationship with a surface of the doorframe when the door is closed within and encompassed by the doorframe, comprising:

a first magnet mounted [on a]in the edge surface of the door;

a second magnet mounted [on a doorframe]in the surface of the doorframe disposed in facing relationship with the edge surface of the door when the door is closed within and encompassed by the doorframe; and

~~switching~~ selecting means to allow a user to selectively orient the first magnet between a first position of repulsion between the first magnet and the second magnet and a second position of attraction between the first magnet and the second magnet, wherein said ~~switching~~ selecting means is a knob assembly attached to said first magnet such that said first magnet may freely rotate between said first and second positions when the user turns said knob assembly.

13. (currently amended) A magnetic door latch for use with a door and doorframe combination, where the door has an edge surface disposed in facing relationship with a surface of the doorframe when the door is closed within and encompassed by the doorframe, comprising:

a first permanent magnet mounted [on a]in the edge surface of the door;

a second permanent magnet mounted [on a doorframe]in the surface of the doorframe disposed in facing relationship with the edge surface of the door when the door is closed within and encompassed by the doorframe; and

~~switching~~selecting means for allowing a user to selectively orient the second magnet between a first position of repulsion between the first magnet and the second magnet and a second position of attraction between the first magnet and the second magnet.

14. (currently amended) The magnetic door latch of claim 13, wherein when the ~~switching~~selecting means is in the first position of repulsion the first magnet and the second magnet decelerate the door when the door is moved towards and within the doorframe.

15. (currently amended) The magnetic door latch of claim 13, wherein when the ~~switching~~selecting means is in the second position of attraction the first magnet and the second magnet hold the door closed.